GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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JAIL BREAKS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several incidents of jail breaks have been reported from various parts of the country;

(b) if so,the total number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Bihar;

(c) whether the Government has issued any guidelines on jail security especially for high security jails lodging terrorists and directed the State Governments to set up security and surveillance in and around the jail premises;

(d) if so,the action taken by the State Governments in this regard, State-wise; and

(e) if not,the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b): As per the statistics compiled by National Crimes Record Bureau (NCRB),a statement indicating the incidents of jail breaks in various States/UTs during the period 2004 to 2007 is at Annexure.

(c) to (e): "Prisons" is a state subject under list II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution and Prison Administration is the responsibility of the State Governments.However,Union Government issues advisories to the State Governments/UTs from time to time for strengthening security in jails.

The Government of India has prepared and circulated a Model Prison Manual to all the States/UTs in 2003 for adoption which inter alia contain specific provision for treatment of High Security prisoners and detenues.